

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
OF THE
PRESIDENT JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

NO. 2000-1

ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES

Effective January 1, 2000,

(1) The following assignments are made pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 82 and Superior Court Civil Rule 40:

(a) New Castle County:

(1) Judges are assigned to handle primarily criminal and civil matters on a rotating basis. Each judge is assigned to one of two judicial teams that will rotate as a group with the team assignments designated by the President Judge. Judges may be excluded by the President Judge from the rotation and exclusively assigned to handle criminal or civil matters. The present assignments are set forth in Exhibit A which may be modified periodically to reflect changes in assignments or judges serving on this Court.

(2) All previous Administrative Orders and Directives establishing Divisions in the Superior Court in New Castle County are hereby rescinded. Cases will be handled in accordance with the Criminal and Civil Case Management Plans adopted by the Court.

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(3) The duties previously assigned to the Criminal Division Chief by the Criminal Administrative Order of January 16, 1991 are transferred to a judge designated by the President Judge as the ACriminal Administrative Judge.@ The duties previously assigned to the Civil Division Chief by the Civil Administrative Order of April 11, 1991 are hereby delegated to a judge designated by the President Judge as the ACivil Administrative Judge.@ The present designations are set forth in Exhibit A which on occasion, may be modified to reflect changes in assignments or judges serving on this Court.

(4) There will be at least one weekly criminal meeting at the call of the Criminal Administrative Judge. All Judges assigned to the criminal rotation should attend and all Judges are encouraged to attend.

(5) There will be at least one monthly civil meeting at the call of the Civil Administrative Judge. All Judges assigned to the civil rotation should attend and all Judges are encouraged to attend.

(6) There will be at least one monthly meeting of all Judges at the call of the Resident Judge. The Resident Judge will preside and the meeting will consider both civil and criminal issues.

(b) Kent County: All Judges are assigned to hear criminal and civil cases. A Criminal Administrative Judge and a Civil Administrative Judge will be designated by the President Judge. The present designations are set forth in Exhibit A which may be modified periodically to reflect changes in assignment or judges serving on this Court.

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(c) Sussex County: All Judges are assigned to hear criminal and civil cases. A Criminal Administrative Judge and a Civil Administrative Judge will be designated by the President Judge. The present designations are set forth in Exhibit A which may be modified periodically to reflect changes in assignment or judges serving on this Court.

(2) Special Assignments: Specially assigned cases by the President Judge are not affected by these designations.

Dated: _____
President Judge

oc: Prothonotaries
xc: Superior Court Judges
Hon. M. Jane Brady
Hon. Lawrence M. Sullivan
Case Scheduling Offices
Presentence Offices
Law Libraries
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Thomas Ralston
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**EXHIBIT A
TO
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
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(1) New Castle County

(a) Judicial teams:

Group A

Resident Judge Bifferato
Judge Babiarz
Judge Herlihy
Judge Alford
Judge Silverman

Group B

Judge Quillen
Judge Del Pesco
Judge Toliver
Judge Cooch
Judge Carpenter

(b) Civil Administrative Judge - Resident Judge Bifferato
Criminal Administrative Judge - Judge Gebelein

(c) Judges excluded from rotation and assigned to handle only criminal matters:

Judge Gebelein
Judge Goldstein
Judge Barron

(2) Kent County

Civil Administrative Judge - Judge Witham
Criminal Administrative Judge - Resident Judge Vaughn

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(3) Sussex County

Civil Administrative Judge - Judge Stokes

Criminal Administrative Judge - Resident Judge Graves

Dated: _____
President Judge